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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Planning Officer  
SUBJECT: NPIC Participation in COINS

1. In response to questions raised by the [redacted] Security Officer, CIA, relative to the use of the NPIC Target Brief Header File (TBHF) in the COINS experiments and a discussion of the subject on 25 February 1970, NPIC forwards the following comments. 25X1

2. A SECRET subset of the Exploitation Products Data File (EPDF) could be selected and made adaptable to the COINS experiment. It should be pointed out, however, that any SECRET subset of the EPDF is likely to be of little utility to COINS customers, so that such participation could bias the results of the "test and evaluation period" of COINS.

3. NPIC has a more serious problem with attempting to participate at a non-codeword level in a test and evaluation phase. The increasing reliance on ADP support during prime shift and the advent of the IIS necessitates the use of both UNIVAC 494 mainframes to handle the work-load. Effective 1 July we intend to commence using both mainframes for multi-level remote access production. This will preclude our participation in the COINS experiment unless arrangements are made to conduct that experiment in a multi-level security environment.

4. In view of the above, we recommend against NPIC participation in the short period between now and July under the existing security constraints. We recommend that measures be taken to conduct the COINS experiment in a multi-codeword security environment.

5. I have discussed this with the Executive Director, NPIC.

[redacted]  
Chief, Automated Information Division, PSC  
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